

5 places to celebrate Earth Hour

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This year's 12th annual Earth Hour - scheduled for Saturday, March 24 from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. - is once again expected to inspire individuals, communities, businesses and organizations from more than 180 countries around the world to take tangible climate action by shutting off all non-essential lighting.

Here are five local Earth Hour events Torontonians are invited to take part in:

1) Know Your Nature - Family Nature Walk at High Park Nature Centre

For those families whose little ones might not still be up to celebrate at 8:30 p.m., the young naturalist members of the High Park Rangers have been busily creating an engaging and informative hike to teach their fellow youngsters about some of the coolest nature in High Park.

2) Beaches 6th Annual Earth Hour LIGHTS OUT! at Kew Gardens

Beachers and people from all around Toronto are invited to celebrate Earth Hour during a fun, candlelit event, featuring music, dance and paper lanterns set to illuminate Kew Gardens.

3) Special Earth Hour AstroTour at U of T's Earth Sciences Centre

University of Toronto's AstroTour hosts "Where Captain Nemo Got it Right, and Wrong - Life in the Deep Earth," a special Earth Hour event featuring special guest speaker Professor Barbara Sherwood-Lollar.

Following the lecture, there will be free refreshments, telescope observing (weather permitting), planetarium shows and astronomy activities.

4) Lights Out with Mill Street Brewery

Mill Street Brewery is once again supporting the World Wildlife Fund's Earth Hour with its annual Lights Out events - featuring one-hour unplugged acoustic performances from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. at select venues.

In Toronto, the Mill Street Beer Hall will feature Dick Rodan, while Marlon Chaplin will perform at the Mill Street Brew Pub.

5) Candlelight Earth Hour Walk in Roncesvalles and Parkdale

This year's pair of Annual Candle Light Earth Hour Walks bring attention to blackouts and extreme weather crises due to climate change. There are two walks, one along Roncesvalles Ave., the other along Queen St. W. - meeting up at the King/Queen/Roncesvalles intersection.

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